



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho has regularly dealt with the presence of unwanted noxious weeds that are not native to the state and that by which of their invasive nature pose a genuine danger to the well being of the state; and

WHEREAS, Idaho farmers, commercial greenhouse and nursery owners, ranches, recreational groups, government and industry clearly acknowledge the economic and environmental dangers posed to their continued economic and social well being by the presence of invasive weeds; and

WHEREAS, Idaho farmers, ranchers, government, private sector entities, state agencies and conservation groups unanimously support implementation of all aspects of integrated weed management; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has launched an intensive "Pulling Together" Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign to help educate Idaho citizens about the economic and environmental impacts of invasive weeds; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign is being directed by a committee formed from state and federal agencies, universities and scientists of the region, industry and conservation groups, and private landowners; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Weed Awareness Week will provide Idahoans young and old with formal and informal education, information and knowledge about aspects of how integrated weed management can stop the spread of invasive weeds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 9 through 15, 2004, to be

IDAHO WEED AWARENESS WEEK

in Idaho, and strongly encourage all Idahoans to help develop and participate in invasive weed eradication and management programs, and to assist in preventing the spread of invasive weeds thereby reducing the threat to the economic, social and environmental well being of our state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this eighth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE